Region 2 Headquarters 3201 Spurgin Road Missoula, MT 59804 Phone 406-542-5500

April 24, 2017

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review, the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to acquire approximately six acres along the Clark Fork River near Gold Creek in Powell County for the purpose of providing additional public access to the Clark Fork River and developing a fishing access site (FAS). Proposed developments at the FAS include: Designated parking area with loop road, singlewide concrete boat ramp, gravel access road, two security gates on the easement road, boundary fencing, site protection fencing with turnstile, concrete vault latrine, and informational signs.

The EA may be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; by emailing shrose@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("News," then "Recent Public Notices," beginning April 24).

Comments may be made on FWP's website (webpage above) or may be directed to Sharon Rose at the mail, phone or email addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2017.

As part of the decision-making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), I plan to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the public comment period. The Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP land acquisition and development proposals, and FWP will ask the Commission to render its decision at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 7th in Kalispell.

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold Regional Supervisor

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